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**Inmate Death at FCI Beaumont Low**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Friday, November 6, 2020, inmate Lee Cormier tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Beaumont Low in Beaumont, Texas, and was immediately placed in medical isolation. On Tuesday, November 17, 2020, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, Mr. Cormier was converted to a status of recovered, following the completion of medical isolation and presenting with no symptoms.

On Tuesday, December 21, 2021, Mr. Cormier was evaluated for shortness of breath by institution medical staff and was subsequently transported to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment. Subsequently, on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, Mr. Cormier, who had pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Cormier was a 71-year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of Louisiana to a 293-month sentence for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. He had been in custody at FCI Beaumont since April 10, 2015.

FCI Beaumont Low is a low security facility that currently houses 1,575 male offenders.

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